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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and Telecommunications  
Act § 254(e) Federal Communications Commission  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds have been and will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, as amended in the FCC's recent order *In re: Connect America Fund*, FCC 11-161 in WC Docket No. 10-90 (released November 18, 2011). These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

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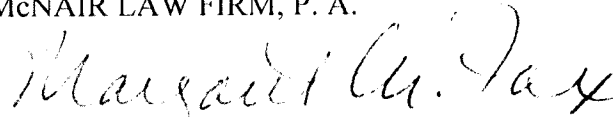
The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2014, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2015. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). In order to ensure that the FCC and USAC receive the Commission's certification for SCTC companies in a timely manner, we respectfully request that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2014, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

We are submitting this request pursuant to the above-cited federal law and in compliance with Commission Regulation 103-690.1(C).

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Very Truly Yours

McNAIR LAW FIRM, P. A.



Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosures

cc: Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire  
Christopher Rozycki  
Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire  
James E. Spearman, Ph.D.  
Doug Pratt  
Company representatives (See Distribution List)

**ATTACHMENT A**

| <u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>                               | <u>STUDY AREA NUMBER</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.                     | 240512                   |
| Chesnee Telephone Company                            | 240515                   |
| Chester Telephone Company                            | 240516                   |
| Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a/ Rock Hill Telephone Company) | 240542                   |
| Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                  | 240520                   |
| FTC Communications, LLC                              | 249002                   |
| Fort Mill Telephone Company                          | 240521                   |
| Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.                      | 240523                   |
| Home Telephone ILEC, LLC                             | 240527                   |
| Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                    | 240528                   |
| Lancaster Telephone Company                          | 240531                   |
| Lockhart Telephone Company                           | 240532                   |
| McClellanville Telephone Company                     | 240533                   |
| Norway Telephone Company                             | 240535                   |
| Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.           | 240536                   |
| Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.           | 240538                   |
| PBT Telecom, Inc.                                    | 240539                   |
| Ridgeway Telephone Company                           | 240541                   |
| Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.                 | 240546                   |
| St. Stephen Telephone Company                        | 240544                   |
| West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.      | 240550                   |
| Williston Telephone Company                          | 240551                   |

**DISTRIBUTION LIST**

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**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Andrew Rein  
Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of JULY 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELODY J. TOLFORD  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: MAY 27, 2018

**MELODY J. TOLFORD**  
Notary Public, State of South Carolina  
My Commission Expires May 27, 2018

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

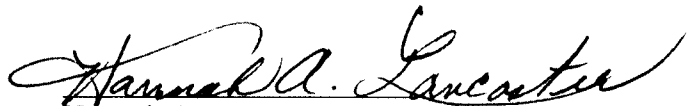
COMPANY: Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Hannah A. Lancaster. I am employed by Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications (the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

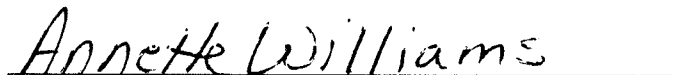
2. Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Chesnee Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
Hannah A. Lancaster  
President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3rd day of July 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: July 18, 2017

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

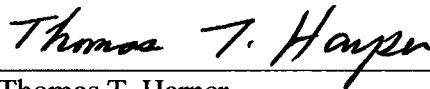
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Thomas T. Harper. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs.

2. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

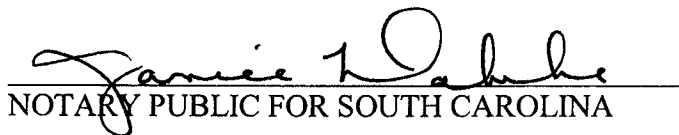
3. Chester Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Chester Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



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Thomas T. Harper  
Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

JANICE T. DANKE  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12/31/2023

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: COMPORIUM, INC.

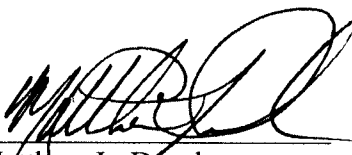
STUDY AREA NUMBER:240542

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Comporium, Inc. (the "Company") as its EVP – Customer Operations and External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Comporium, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Comporium, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

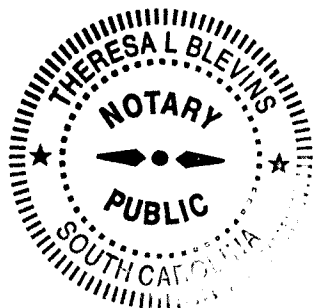
  
Matthew L. Dosch  
EVP-Customer Operations & External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

Theresa L. Blevins  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa L. Blevins  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021





**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

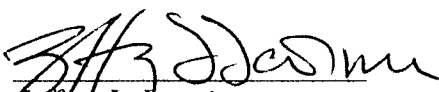
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jeffrey L. Lawrimore. I am employed by Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
Jeffrey L. Lawrimore  
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Diane Marie Banar  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: June 20, 2018

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Williamsburg

COMPANY: FTC Communications, LLC


STUDY AREA NUMBER: 249002

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jeffrey L. Lawrimore. I am employed by FTC Communications, LLC (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. FTC Communications, LLC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to FTC Communications, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
Jeffrey L. Lawrimore  
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Diane Marie Banar  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: June 20, 2018

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

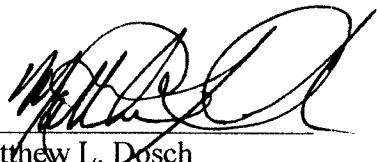
COMPANY: FORT MILL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Fort Mill Telephone Company. (the "Company") as its EVP – Customer Operations and External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Fort Mill Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Fort Mill Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

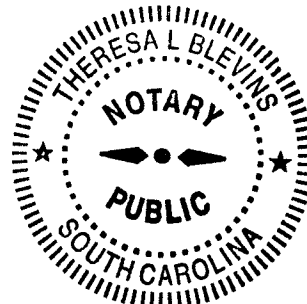
  
Matthew L. Dosch  
EVP-Customer Operations & External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

Theresa L. Blevins  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa L. Blevins  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021



**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Andrew Rein. I am employed by Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Andrew Rein  
Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of JULY 2014.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

MELODY J. TOLFORD

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: MAY 27, 2018

**MELODY J. TOLFORD**  
**Notary Public, State of South Carolina**  
**My Commission Expires May 27, 2018**

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Berkeley

COMPANY: Home Telephone ILEC, LLC

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

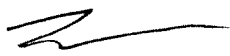
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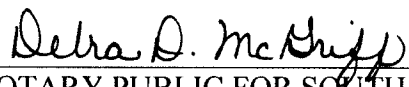
1. My name is William S. Helmly. I am employed by Home Telephone ILEC, LLC (the "Company") as its President & COO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Home Telephone ILEC, LLC hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Home Telephone ILEC LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
William S. Helmly  
President & COO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Debra D. McGriff  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: August 13, 2019

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Horry

COMPANY: Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

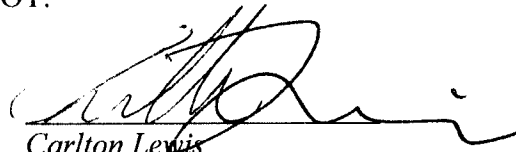
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Carlton Lewis. I am employed by Horry Telephone Cooperative (the "Company") as its CFO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Horry Telephone hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Horry Telephone was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

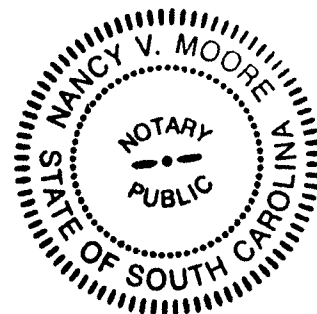
  
Carlton Lewis  
CFO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Nancy V. Moore  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: April 16, 2017



**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LANCASTER

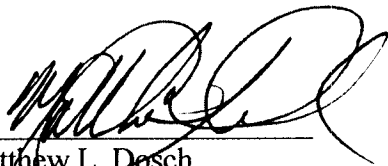
COMPANY: LANCASTER TELEPHONE COMPANY  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Lancaster Telephone Company. (the "Company") as its EVP – Customer Operations and External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Lancaster Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lancaster Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

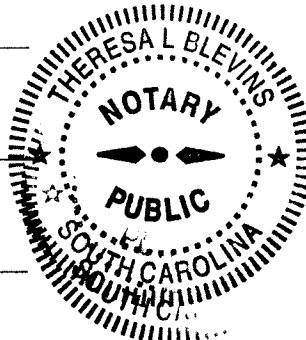
  
Matthew L. Dosch  
EVP-Customer Operations & External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

Theresa L. Blevins  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa L. Blevins  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/14/2021



**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: LOCKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

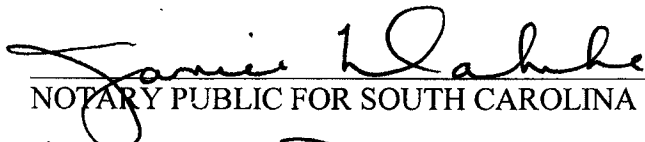
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Thomas T. Harper. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs.
2. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
3. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Lockhart Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas T. Harper  
Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 7th day of July 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA  
JANICE T. DAWNSKE  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12/31/2023



**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

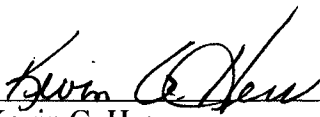
COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY  
SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin G. Hess  
Executive Vice President,  
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 9 day of July, 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Kristin M Stutz  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2015

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

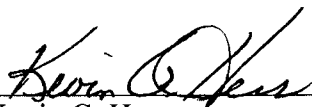
COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY  
SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin G. Hess  
Executive Vice President,  
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 9 day of July, 2014.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2015

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

COMPANY: PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.


STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jason J. Dandridge. I am employed by Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Jason J. Dandridge  
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

Karen L. Bridge  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Karen L. Bridge  
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My Commission Expires: April 10, 2024

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

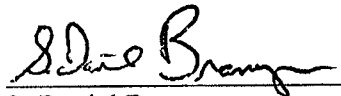
COMPANY: PIEDMONT RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

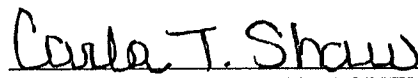
1. My name is S. Daniel Branyon. I am employed by Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

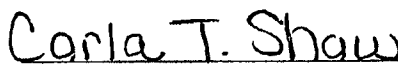
2. Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
S. Daniel Branyon  
President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21 day of JULY 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3-24-2019

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

COMPANY: PBT TELECOM, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

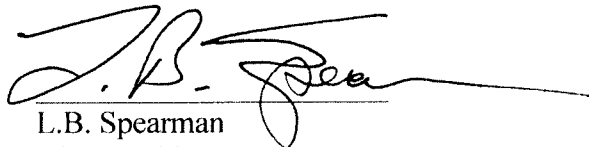
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is L. B. Spearman. I am employed by PBT Telecom, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. PBT Telecom, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to PBT telecom, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
L.B. Spearman  
Vice President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 3rd day of July 2014.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Lee Ann Shreeley  
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3/25/23

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: RIDGEWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

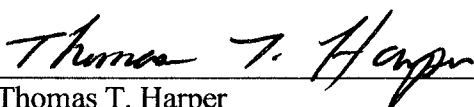
PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Thomas T. Harper. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs.

2. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

3. Ridgeway Telephone Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Ridgeway Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Thomas T. Harper  
Vice President-Administration & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 7th day of July 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

JAMIE T. DAHNKE  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12/31/2023

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

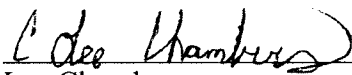
COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Lee Chambers. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its Manager/Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

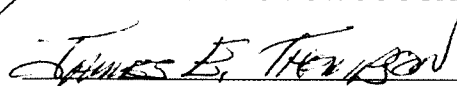
2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Lee Chambers  
Manager/Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

  
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My Commission Expires: 8/8/16

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

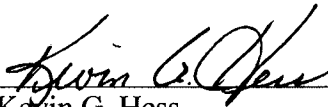
COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY  
SWORN, deposed and said:

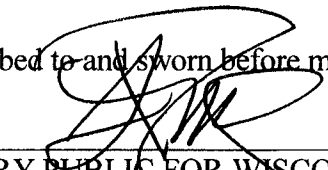
1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Kevin G. Hess  
Executive Vice President,  
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 9 day of July 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

KRISTIN M State  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2015



**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

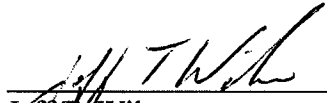
COMPANY: WEST CAROLINA RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240550

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING  
DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jeff T. Wilson. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its CEO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Jeff T. Wilson  
CEO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

JUDY CANNON  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 4/15/2020

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF DANE

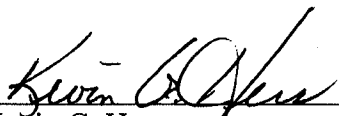
COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom  
STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING DULY  
SWORN, deposed and said:

1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Executive Vice President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin G. Hess  
Executive Vice President,  
TDS TELECOM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 9 day of July, 2014.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR WISCONSIN

Kristin M. Statz  
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Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: May 24, 2015